Planning Commission's recommendations on fare structure of IA

706. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has set up a five member committee to study the fare structure of Indian Airlines and suggest measures to rationalise it;

(b) if so, whether the committee has since submitted its report to Government; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to implement the recommendations of the committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) On the 9th of August 1988, the Planning Commission has constituted a Committee to make a comprehensive examination of domestic air fares and freight rates and pricing of infrastructure facilities.

(b) The Committee is required to submit its report by the end of February, 1989.

(c) Does not arise.

Traffic congestion at Bombay, Kandla & New Mangalore ports

707. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a monitoring cell to tackle the problem of Transport congestion at Bombay, Kandla and New Mangalore ports;

(b) whether Government propose to set up similar cells/groups for other ports in the country; and

(c) if so, to what extent the congestion at the ports would be removed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Government have directed the ports to set up daily Operation groups for monitoring the congestion and for taking corrective action. The position regarding congestion at all the ports including Bombay, Kandla and New Mangalore is being closely monitored by the Government and the Port Managements.

(c) Congestion at the ports is mainly on account of factors like heavy monsoon, bunched arrival of ships and inadequate number of berths available etc. As a result of various remedial steps taken and also due to the monsoon season being over, the number of vessels waiting for berths in the three ports has come down from 38 as on 27-8-1988 to 16 vessels as on 5-11-1988.

इलाहाबाद में अल्लापुर में रेलवे मार्ग का चौड़ा किया जाना

708. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या इलाहाबाद में अल्लापुर रेल मार्ग, जो कि सड़क के ऊपर है, को चौड़ा करने के लिए कोई कार्य शुरू किया गया है, यदि हां, तो इस पर कुल कितनी धनराशि लगाये जाने की सम्भावना है; और

(ख) कार्य कब तक पूरा हो जाने की सम्भावना है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री महाबीर प्रसाद): (क) और (ख) उत्तर रेलवे ने निक्षेपशर्तों पर नगर पालिका, इलाहाबाद के अनुरोध पर अल्लापुर के मौजूद पुल ("रेल पथ" नहीं, जैसा कि प्रश्न में उल्लेख है) को 3.5 मीटर चौड़ाई से बढ़ाकर 10.6 मी. चौड़ाई तक करने के लिए कार्य शुरू कर दिया है। इस कार्य पर 30 लाख रुपये की लागत आने का अनुमान है तथा इसके 31 मार्च, 1989 तक पूरा होने की संभावना है।